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ANNUAL REPORT
OF
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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

Town Officers

As of Dec. 31, 1955

	Term Expires
Selectmen :	
Donald S. Outhuse, Chairman	1956
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Clerk	1958
Frank Paul	1957
Town Clerk :	
Charles W. Wells	1956
Town Treasurer :	
Miss Anna E. Watson	1956
Assessors :	
Vernon P. West	1956
Joseph Dymerski	1957
Edwin Breckenridge, Chairman	1958
Tax Collector :	
Barbara W. Swanda	1958
Elector, Oliver Smith Will :	
Richard F. Watling	1956
School Committee :	
Eleanor Mansfield	1957
Eleanor Ballway	1956
Kenneth Sherk	1956
Norman Graves	1958
Stanley Soltys	1958

Constables :	
Charles Cross	1956
Vardic Golash	1956
Board of Health :	
Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1958
Bernard Reardon, Chairman	1957
Mrs. Margaret Nelson	1956
Water Commissioners :	
Bertram Clarke	1956
Howard Sanderson	1957
Charles M. Damon, Jr., Chairman	1958
Tree Warden :	
David Dewey	1956
Trustees of Haydenville Library :	
Mrs. Lula Smith	1956
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1958
Miss Lora Phinney (Resigned)	1957
Trust Fund Commissioners :	
Frederick Smith	1956
Roswell S. Jorgenson (Resigned)	1957
Arthur Showalter	1958
Recreation Committee :	
Albert Mosher, Jr.	1958
Barbara Hathaway	1957
Richard Graves, Chairman	1958
Moderator :	
John H. Breguet	1956

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized February 14, 1955 as follows: Donald Outhuse, Chairman; Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Clerk and Veterans' Agent, and Frank Paul, Chairman of the Board of Welfare.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held during the year.

Chapter 90 road construction was completed on the lower end of the Ashfield Road. Construction was then started at the town line but was not completed because of the August flood.

Chapter 81 Construction was done on Nash Street.

We recommend the purchase of a sander for the town. We also recommend the purchase of a new truck, trading one or two of the old ones.

Our highway program was disrupted due to the floods of August and October. It was necessary to stop our regular work and spend almost 8 weeks on flood repairs. Part of this work was done under the direction of the U. S. Army, Corp of Engineers, and we have received over \$6400 reimbursement from them. The balance of the work was done under the Mass. Flood Damage Law and we are now in process of getting a settlement from them. In all over \$11,000 has been spent to make these damaged roads passable and there is more to do, we hope at no cost to the town.

We wish to sincerely thank the other town officers, committees and townspeople for their cooperation and support during the past year.

WALTER E. KELLOGG, JR.

DONALD S. OUTHUSE

FRANK PAUL

Articles from the Town Warrant

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect three School Committeemen, two for three years and one for two years, one Trust Fund Commissioner, two Library Trustees, one Assessor, one Member of the Board of Health and one Recreation Commissioner, all for a term of three years. Two Water Commissioners, one for one year and one for three years.

Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

Article 5. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,150.00, the Town's share of the expense, or take any other action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1233.94 to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System to be credited to the funds thereof.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the balance of \$10,068.81 in the Road Machinery Earnings Account of 1955 to the Road Machinery Account of 1956.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Secretary to serve from March 1, 1956 to February 28, 1957, who shall be provided with an office, open to the public, in such place and during such hours as may be judged most convenient and practical; such Town Secretary to be available for a minimum of twenty hours per week throughout the year, except for such periods of vacation or leave as may be agreed upon; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 from which to pay this Secretary, maintenance costs for which shall be provided from the maintenance appropriations allotted to the various departments for which the Secretary acts: that the duties of such Secretary shall be those set by the Selectmen and the Chairmen of the departments of government for which service is performed, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to help defray the expenses of a Public Health Nurse, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to complete the addition to the Williamsburg Fire Station, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from overlay surplus reserve the sum of \$4,000.00 to reserve account under the jurisdiction of the Finance Committee to meet unexpected or emergency needs of the Town Departments, or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to pay Carl King for land

damages as set forth in the committee report, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,850.00 to purchase an 18,000 lb. gross vehicle weight truck with dump body for the highway department, \$2,500.00 to be transferred from Truck and Tractor earnings and \$1,350.00 to be raised and appropriated, and empower the Selectmen to trade in one or two of the present trucks, or take any other action thereon.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to buy a road sander and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for same, or take any other action thereon.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to buy a sickle mower for the old cemetery, or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15.00 to pay Robert Collins for land damage, or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to enter into a contract for an expert appraisal of taxable real estate for a period not exceeding three years, and to appropriate a sum of money to be expended therefor in the current year, or take any other action thereon.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to join with other towns in this area, to form a district to be served by one Veterans' Agent. Williamsburg's share of the cost to be paid out of Veterans' Agent salary and maintenance, or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will empower the Board of Selectmen and the Water Commissioners to appoint their own members to other town positions, or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to hire one school traffic officer each for Williamsburg and Haydenville and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to pay for same or take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Surplus Account, the sum of \$343.82 to the Finance Overlay Reserve Fund, this being money transferred in 1955 to meet emergency, or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate from available funds the sum of \$25,000.00 to pay the School Bonds due in 1956.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1956 on the South Street Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1956 on the Additional Water Supply Loan, or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$405.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest on the Additional Water Supply Loan, which is due in 1956, or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1956 on the Water Extension to the Hampshire County Sanatorium, or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of \$82.50 from the Water Surplus

Account to pay the interest which is due in 1956 on the Hampshire County Sanatorium Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a new fire station in Haydenville, or take any other action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a piece of property, approximately 60' x 100', now owned by the Haydenville Company, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for same, or take any other action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or borrow and appropriate, a sum of money to be spent by the School Committee, or some other designated group, to make the following repairs on and in the Helen E. James School building and grounds: 1. Point up outside bricks. 2. New roof on the newest part of the building. 3. Install new water line from the street to the building and install inside pipes which now cut down the water pressure. 4. Install a new electric cable from the street to the building so that more electricity will be available, also include a new fuse board. 5. Install new lights in four rooms on the second floor which now have old style lights, install a new light in the office, new lights in room 7 on the first floor, new lights in the basement corridors, new lights in the east half of the library to match those in the west end, new lights in both toilet rooms, teachers' room and nurse's room. 6. A nurse's room to be made from the old athletic room. A toilet and lavatory could be installed where the present showers are located. A teacher's room to be made in the present nurse's room by insulating the wall toward the girls' toilet room, also redecorate the present women's lavatory. 7. Girls' toilet—install five new toilets, 3 lavatories and redecorate the room. Boys' toilet—five new toilets, 3 new lavatories and redecorate the room. 8.

Paint outside woodwork and repair the sash. 9. Repair floor at stair landings. 10. Rebuild the brook wall on the school side. 11. Convert to oil heat, or take any other action thereon.

Report of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee refers you to the Town Accountant report wherein is listed those transfers made by the Finance Committee from Reserve Fund for year of 1955.

The reason for these transfers was to meet unforeseen and emergency needs of various departments which occurred during the year.

Last year in our report we requested all Departments to live within their appropriation as voted by Town Meeting and to notify Finance Committee of any financial emergency when it arises and not wait until end of year. We are very happy to state that our request was complied with and our transfers were not as large as in previous years.

The Finance Committee has met with all Departments and have discussed ways and means of keeping Budget Requests at a minimum.

All articles in Warrant calling for appropriation have been acted upon and will be reported in Town Meeting.

The Committee having acted on Budget Requests and knowing of the large increase, are concerned about appropriations on articles which will increase our Tax Rate a substantial amount in 1956. Our available funds are not as large as they should be, because of refunds from the State which did not come in for use in our 1956 budget.

We hope all citizens of the Town will be cautious in the action on articles presented in Town Warrant so that our Tax Rate will not go out of bounds.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN DUNPHY

MRS. VIOLA FRASER

JOHN JONES

ROY LEONARD

HANS NIETSCHÉ

ROLLO PURRINGTON

MRS. CARL RUSTEMEYER

WINFIELD SMITH

MRS. HARRY WILLISTON

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1956

	1955 Approp.	1955 Expended	1956 Request	1956 Recom.
Moderator	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Finance				
Reserve	4,000.00	1,960.68	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	40.00	25.00	40.00	40.00
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	\$4,040.00	\$1,985.68	\$4,040.00	\$4,040.00
Selectmen				
Salaries, chairman	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$400.00
member	150.00	150.00	250.00	200.00
member	150.00	150.00	250.00	200.00
Maintenance	300.00	259.41	300.00	300.00
Advertising	50.00	38.38	50.00	50.00
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	\$950.00	\$897.79	\$1,350.00	\$1,150.00
Treasurer				
Salary	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Maintenance	350.00	279.53	350.00	350.00
Tax Title Expense	75.00	38.25	75.00	75.00
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	\$1,325.00	\$1,217.78	\$1,325.00	\$1,325.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Accountant				
Salary	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Maintenance	100.00	101.85	100.00	100.00
New Equipment	100.00	67.40		
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	\$950.00	\$919.25	\$850.00	\$850.00

Assessors

Salaries	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Maintenance	250.00	277.78	250.00	250.00
	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$827.78</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$800.00</u>

Town Clerk

Salary	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Maintenance	352.50	344.58	300.00	300.00
Elections and Registrations	335.00	343.80	800.00	800.00
	<u>\$987.50</u>	<u>\$988.38</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>

Tax Collector

Salary	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Maintenance	475.00	475.00	475.00	475.00
Adding Machine			294.00	294.00
	<u>\$1,075.00</u>	<u>\$1,075.00</u>	<u>\$1,369.00</u>	<u>\$1,369.00</u>

General Government

Town Hall	\$750.00	\$824.87	\$300.00	\$300.00
Town Shed	150.00	123.04	150.00	150.00
Legal Consultation	250.00	125.00	250.00	250.00
Sealer, Wgts. and Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Tree Warden	500.00	492.39	900.00	900.00
Town Clocks	125.00	104.61	175.00	175.00
Town Reports	350.00	340.00	350.00	350.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Wood Lot	10.00	8.40	10.00	10.00
Gypsy Moth			642.40	642.40
Dutch Elm Control			321.20	321.20
	<u>\$2,385.00</u>	<u>\$2,268.31</u>	<u>\$3,348.60</u>	<u>\$3,348.60</u>

Recreation Committee

Athletic Field	\$500.00	\$287.46	\$400.00	\$400.00
Recreation	100.00	130.95	100.00	100.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$418.41</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

Police

Salaries	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Telephones and Mileage	100.00	114.19	125.00	125.00
Special Police	100.00	106.00	100.00	100.00
Equipment	100.00	43.15	100.00	100.00
Patrolling	1,400.00	1,232.95	1,400.00	1,400.00
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	\$1,900.00	\$1,696.29	\$1,925.00	\$1,925.00

Fire Department

Salaries, Chief	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Deputy Chief	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Firefighters	80.00	68.00	70.00	70.00
Telephone and Lights	720.00	781.29	750.00	750.00
Insurance	155.00	200.43	200.50	200.50
Labor at Fires	1,000.00	746.50	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fuel	400.00	460.65	400.00	400.00
Equipment Maintenance	750.00	1,101.36	1,000.00	1,000.00
Training	300.00	133.61	300.00	300.00
New Equipment	940.00	1,095.04	800.00	800.00
Water Holes	100.00		100.00	100.00
Building Maintenance	705.00	555.38	600.00	600.00
Administration		48.96	50.00	50.00
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	\$5,500.00	\$5,541.22	\$5,620.50	\$5,620.50

Highways

Chapter 81	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.08	\$3,150.00	\$3,150.00
General and Winter	9,000.00	8,915.91	10,000.00	10,000.00
Bridges and Railings	1,000.00	995.04	2,000.00	2,000.00
Sidewalk Repair	100.00	57.00	200.00	200.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00	1,277.75	2,500.00	2,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.02	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tools	200.00	162.93	200.00	200.00
Street Lights	3,120.00	3,121.68	3,220.00	3,220.00
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	\$20,070.00	\$18,680.41	\$22,270.00	\$22,270.00

Board of Health

Public Health

(Sanatorium)	\$1,200.00	\$505.65	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Barn and Animal Inspection	60.00	50.00	60.00	60.00
Chairman's Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Dairy Inspection	75.00		75.00	75.00
Slaughter Inspection	125.00	40.00	125.00	125.00
Haydenville Dump Rental	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rubbish Collection	500.00	419.00	500.00	500.00
Well Child Clinic	300.00	298.17	300.00	300.00
Town Dump Caretaker	520.00	498.60	520.00	520.00
Town Dump Maintenance	300.00	458.25	300.00	300.00
Public Health				
Administration	100.00	67.60	100.00	100.00
Garbage Collection	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
Immunization Clinic			300.00	300.00
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	\$5,280.00	\$4,437.27	\$5,580.00	\$5,580.00
Water Department				
Caretaker,				
Pumping Station	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Caretaker, Watershed			100.00	100.00
Caretaker, Chlorinator	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Pipeline Maintenance	4,000.00	3,736.78	5,000.00	3,329.35
Watershed	500.00	58.73	3,800.00	3,800.00
Chlorinator Maintenance	300.00	271.39	1,000.00	1,000.00
Well Maintenance and				
Pumping Costs	700.00	902.83	1,200.00	1,200.00
Administration and Rent	100.00	169.19	300.00	300.00
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	\$5,850.00	\$5,388.92	\$11,650.00	\$9,979.35
Public Welfare				
General Aid	\$3,000.00	\$1,843.85	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Disability Assistance	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Aid to Dependent				
Children	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Old Age Assistance	22,000.00	22,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Agent's Salary	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
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	\$38,700.00	\$37,543.85	\$37,700.00	\$37,700.00
Veterans' Benefits				
Benefits	\$1,300.00	\$2,836.68	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Agent's Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Agent's Maintenance	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
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	\$1,750.00	\$3,286.68	\$2,950.00	\$2,950.00

Cemeteries

Mountain Street	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
Old Village Hill	75.00	70.40	200.00	200.00

	\$150.00	\$145.40	\$275.00	\$275.00
Library, Haydenville	\$400.00	\$387.41	\$500.00	\$500.00
Interest on Revenue	\$200.00	\$116.88	\$200.00	\$200.00
Workmen's Compensation	\$1,200.00	\$1,237.86	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00

School Department

Teachers' Salaries	\$77,763.30	\$78,990.56	\$92,099.36	\$92,099.36
Special Class Law 514	1,200.00		3,500.00	3,500.00
Janitors' Salaries	7,100.00	7,316.73	9,900.00	9,900.00
Janitors' Supplies	1,100.00	1,121.33	1,300.00	1,300.00
Drawing Supervisor	630.00	733.44	1,026.67	1,026.67
Superintendent's Salary	2,700.00	3,200.00	2,700.00	2,700.00
Penmanship	480.00	480.00	570.00	570.00
Secretarys' Salaries	1,800.00	2,100.00	2,900.00	2,900.00
Union Expense	225.00	300.00	415.00	415.00
Nurse and Travel Expense	685.00	685.00	706.67	706.67
Physicians' Salaries	400.00	400.00	500.00	500.00
Transportation	7,500.00	7,869.50	7,500.00	7,500.00
Fuel	2,600.00	2,911.11	5,000.00	5,000.00
Repairs	2,400.00	1,983.02	800.00	800.00
Sundries	450.00	861.06	997.00	997.00
Books	2,000.00	2,638.23	2,830.00	2,830.00
Classroom Supplies	1,500.00	1,366.49	1,960.00	1,960.00
Office Supplies	350.00	129.11	350.00	350.00
Athletics and				
Transportation	773.75	806.23	1,441.85	1,441.85
Smith's School Tuition	9,200.00	6,909.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Smith's School				
Transportation	1,600.00	936.05	1,600.00	1,600.00
New Equipment	1,200.00	1,946.99	335.00	335.00
Insurance	1,670.20	1,519.29	1,147.53	1,147.53
Committees' Salaries	275.00	275.00	275.00	275.00
Lights	1,300.00	1,396.42	2,200.00	2,200.00
Driver Education			200.00	200.00
Physical Education			130.00	130.00
Music Supervisor	1,420.00	1,420.18	1,866.67	1,866.67
Cafeteria	3,000.00	3,000.00		

	\$131,322.25	\$131,294.74	\$153,250.75	\$153,250.75
Totals added	\$94,147.50	\$89,095.57	\$105,088.10	\$103,217.45
	\$225,469.75	\$220,390.31	\$258,338.85	\$256,468.20

Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 275 dog licenses issued in 1955 as follows:

- 177 males
- 25 females
- 71 spayed females
- 2 transfer licenses

Six kennel licenses were issued. The sum of \$635.40 was paid to the Town Treasurer.

FISH AND GAME

There were 611 sporting licenses issued in 1955 for which the sum of \$1,989.00 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

A total of 53 births were recorded in 1955, including 7 which occurred in 1954 and on which records were received in 1955.

1954

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| Nov. 11 | Rebecca Faith Nicholls |
| 21 | James Robert Fisher |
| Dec. 4 | Jacquelyn Alice Rice |
| 10 | Rebecca Isabell Wilson |
| 21 | Carol Ann McCarthy |
| 23 | Glenn Alan Stone |

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| Jan. 5 | Timothy Scott Packard |
| 6 | Kathaleen Ann Lockwood |

	10	Michael Jeffrey Miller
	17	Dorothy Jeanne Packard
	21	Elliott Graham Davidson
Feb.	8	John Newell Rouner
	11	Sara Brown
	12	Robert John Hathaway
Mar.	1	Diane Lynn Lavalle
	4	Margaret Mary Bohmer
	19	Debra Louise Lawton
	24	Nancy Elizabeth Stowe
	25	Robert Clifton Emerson
	28	James Stewart Loomis
	30	Clair Jean Blanchet
Apr.	1	Sandra Sophie Kopka
	6	Harold Raymond Rindge, III
	12	Jennifer Ruth Ball
	16	Maureen Anne O'Brien
	18	David George Tirrell
	28	Carl Nicholas Angelo
May	3	Susan Marie Brown
	6	Rosanne Marie Dufresne
	21	Donald Warren Turner
	24	Henry Stephen Stone
	30	Allen Harry Hathaway, Jr.
June	12	Doreen Ann Demerski
	27	Karl Andrew Hathaway
July	14 Barlow
	18	Wayne Robert Munson
Aug.	7	Melodie Catherine Cone
	8	David Elton Elmes
	8	John Christopher Winne
	25	Harry Dondoros
	30	Robert William Horton
	31	Stephen James Golash

- Sept. 2 Frank Joseph Vaillancourt, Jr.
 24 Maria Terese O'Brien
 27 Wendy Elaine Emerson
 27 Renné Jean Magdalenski
 29 Deac England Tiley
 30 Heather Maria Peña
- Oct. 9 Michael Paul Smith
 23 Priscilla Lysle Christenson
 25 Cheyrl Ann Fay
 27 Henry James Warner, Jr.
 31 Daniel Charles Ring

MARRIAGES

There were 31 marriages of Williamsburg residents recorded in 1955, as follows:

- Jan. 8 Alice Anna Lacasse, Williamsburg, Mass.
 William George Martin, Easthampton, Mass.
 28 Dorothy A. Hillenbrand, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Frank J. Vaillancourt, Williamsburg, Mass.
 29 Helen (Holt) Colson, Williamsburg, Mass.
 John Furgal, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Apr. 5 Bernadine L. Roy, Northampton, Mass.
 James F. Magdalenski, Haydenville, Mass.
- May 7 Mary Elizabeth Smart, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Rudolph Victor Lastowski, Northampton, Mass.
 21 Jeannette A. Baldwin, Haydenville, Mass.
 Matthew Ingellis, Haydenville, Mass.
 28 Sylvia Mae Nye, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Douglas W. Smith, Easthampton, Mass.
 30 Mary E. Cleary, Easthampton, Mass.
 Edward J. Ames, Haydenville, Mass.
 30 Elisabeth Shoemaker, Montpelier, Vt.
 Robert N. Linscott, New York, N. Y.

- June 8 Jane Elizabeth Smith, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Frank J. Kabot, Warren Pennsylvania,
 9 Carolyn Hobbs, Williamsburg, Mass.
 David Tiley, Williamsburg, Mass.
 11 Ruth L. Bisbee, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Warren O. McAvoy, Williamsburg, Mass.
 28 Lillian R. (Conras) Smith, Melrose, Mass.
 Edward J. Leszczynski, Haydenville, Mass.
 29 Irene J. Sanderson, Haydenville, Mass.
 George A. Polhemus, Haydenville, Mass.
- July 2 Barbara Burg, New Britain, Conn.
 Franklin King, III, Williamsburg, Mass.
 9 Shirley McCallom, Greenfield, Mass.
 Robert George Cross, Williamsburg, Mass.
 16 Yvonne Louise Dufresne, Williamsburg, Mass.
 William Swinington, Williamsburg, Mass.
 16 Alice M. Gagne, Easthampton, Mass.
 Herbert M. Nye, Williamsburg, Mass.
 30 Marie J. Emery, Greenfield, Mass.
 Arthur Cross, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Aug. 7 Sandra Jane Kellogg, Haydenville, Mass.
 Eric Wayne Liimatainen, West Chesterfield,
 Mass.
 17 Irene Lillian Dufresne, Williamsburg, Mass.
 Raymond Francis Heath, Jr., Haydenville,
 Mass.
- Sept. 3 Janet Vayda, Williamsburg, Mass.
 David A. Adam, Goshen, Mass.
 10 Shirley Elizabeth Magdalenski, Haydenville,
 Mass.
 Luther Cameron, Jr., Baxterville, Mississippi
 24 Sondra Kay Black, Williamsburg, Mass.
 David Harmon Snow, Lanesboro, Mass.
 24 Irene May Fosdick, Winchester, New Hamp-
 shire
 Leo Albert LaCasse, Williamsburg, Mass.

- Oct. 1 Frostine Adella Graves, Williamsburg, Mass.
Victor Rudolph Beckman, Silver Spring, Maryland
- 22 Helen L. Morse, Florence, Mass.
James F. McAllister, Jr., Haydenville, Mass.
- Nov. 8 Martha LeBlanc, Greenfield, Mass.
Ronald Foster, Haydenville, Mass.
- 19 Elizabeth (Blacking) Ray, Williamsburg, Mass.
Leslie F. Curtis, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 23 Karyl Ronka, Williamsburg, Mass.
Richard M. Towse, Haydenville, Mass.
- 24 Julia Clara Kolosewicz, Haydenville, Mass.
Robert Wallace Kellogg, Chesterfield, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 28 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1955, as follows:

	Date	Name	Yr.	Mo.	Da.
	1955				
Jan.	13	Olga A. (Karamoropoulou) Demetriou	66	11	1
	17	Emma May (Cooper) Bowyer	84	0	7
Feb.	7	Silas Snow	77	1	13
	24	Mary (Byrnes) Walshe	63	11	22
Mar.	10	Thomas C. Dillon	83	4	9
	11	Charles Holmes Wheeler	75	4	6
Apr.	3	Edward P. Dunphy	86	3	11
	18	Sophie (Kochienski) Kopka	57	11	3
	23	Linda Ruth Sanderson	17	7	21
	25	Wilbur Malcolm Heath	15	3	17
May	6	Avelina (LaMagdelaine) Bird	60	5	12
	12	Carrie (Bennett) Otis	67	4	16
	25	Grace Kezia (Bryant) Best	74	3	21
	27	Katherine (Mahar) McCarthy	88	0	22

June	18	Nina (Strong) Jones	58	9	28
July	16	Hattie L. (Freeman) Edwards	87	0	9
	17	Ernest T. Barker	61	10	3
	22	Mabel (Mahoney) Burke	79	0	20
Aug.	12	Beatrice Beaudry	52	—	—
	18	Benjamin Otis Stephens	73	9	4
Sept.	7	Orrin J. Blinn	91	10	0
	15	Doreen Anne Demerski		3	3
Nov.	4	Charles E. Dalton	87	5	3
	8	James R. Mansfield	84	6	14
	15	Mary T. (Molloy) Ryan	68	6	12
	19	Lewis L. Bartlett	88	2	24
	21	Claire (Johnson) Washburn	68	—	11
Dec.	2	Walter P. Swingleton	80	7	17

Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1954 :

1953	Personal Property	\$48.60
	Real Estate	2,005.01
	Excise	11.09
1954	Personal Property	4,164.29
	Real Estate	23,166.72
	Excise	1,709.65

Total	\$31,105.36
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Commitments :

1955	Poll Tax	\$1,068.00
	Personal Property	15,366.89
	Real Estate	128,550.17
	Excise	20,581.39
1954	Excise given Jan. 1955	234.33

Total	\$165,800.78
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Collected and Paid Treasurer : (Including Interest)

1953	Personal Property	\$52.15
	Real Estate	2,067.28
	Excise	14.85
1954	Personal Property	3,512.27
	Real Estate	20,490.95
	Excise	1,428.30

1955 Poll Tax	971.18	
Personal Property	12,403.59	
Real Estate	102,523.96	
Excise	16,710.78	
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Total		\$160,175.31
Tax Titles :		
1955	\$86.76	
	10.80	
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Total		97.56
Abatements :		
1954 Excise	\$200.00	
1955 Poll Tax	18.00	
Personal Property	220.32	
Real Estate	5,289.42	
Excise	2,359.79	
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Total		\$8,087.53
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1955 :		
1953 Real Estate	\$52.81	
1954 Personal Property	1,224.76	
Real Estate	2,489.74	
Excise	349.26	
1955 Poll Tax	82.00	
Personal Property	2,752.56	
Real Estate	21,300.30	
Excise	1,407.41	
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Total		\$29,658.84

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,
Tax Collector

Treasurer's Report

Debits

Jan. 1, 1955, Balance on hand	\$273,841.58
Receipts for year	341,223.43
	<hr/> \$615,065.01

Credits

Payments for year	\$501,289.59
Jan. 1, 1956, Balance on hand	113,775.42
	<hr/> \$615,065.01

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. WATSON,

Treasurer

Report of Town Accountant

In compliance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, I submit herewith my report as Town Accountant for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The records of receipts and expenditures showing sources and purposes respectively, together with the statement of Town Debt, Trust Funds, Trial Balances and Balance Sheet will be found in the following pages.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all Town Officials for their cooperation. Periodic examinations have been made on the accounts of the Water Department and Collector of Taxes. It would make the office much easier if all departments would keep a record of their expenses for future checking.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY,
Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes 1953 Personal Property	\$48.60
Taxes 1953 Real Estate	1,952.20
Taxes 1954 Personal Property	3,665.46
Taxes 1954 Real Estate	19,441.25
Water Liens to 1954 Taxes	334.75
Poll Taxes 1955	970.00
Taxes 1955 Personal Property	12,396.07
Taxes 1955 Real Estate	102,461.93
	<hr/> \$141,270.26

Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise 1953	11.09	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise 1954	1,377.35	
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise 1955	16,688.66	
	<hr/>	\$18,077.10
Taxes, State		
Corporation	\$5,671.92	
Income Tax	3,124.79	
Income Tax—		
School Aid, Chapter 70	24,866.40	
Meal Tax	682.43	
Reimbursement—Loss of Taxes	112.08	
Paraplegic Veterans	151.20	
Indigent Persons	142.10	
	<hr/>	\$34,750.92
Licenses :		
Liquor	\$4,900.00	
Board of Health	6.00	
Junk	8.00	
Automatic Music and Amusement	18.33	
Common Victualers	26.00	
Hawkers	24.00	
Sunday Licenses	18.00	
Used Car	25.00	
Gasoline	4.50	
Firearms	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$5,034.83
Permits :		
Pistol	\$9.50	
	<hr/>	\$9.50
Fines and Forfeitures :		
Court	\$51.50	
Dog Licenses for County	673.80	
	<hr/>	\$725.30

Grants and Gifts:

County—

Dog Licenses Refunds	\$420.03
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00

State—

Chapter 90 Construction	5,000.00
Chapter 90 Construction	
Special Rte. 143	4,500.00
Chapter 81	4,632.43
School Transportation	5,914.50
School Superintendent	1,368.66
Public Health	187.14
New Elementary School	8,903.10
Commodity Distribution Fund	
School Lunch	946.79

U. S. Grants—

Storm Damage, Highways	6,457.29
Disability Assistance	2,205.23
Disability Assistance	
Administration	25.43
Aid to Dependent Children	4,894.49
Aid to Dependent Children	
Administration	415.24
Old Age Assistance	11,490.91
Old Age Administration	148.43

\$60,019.67

Departmental Revenue:

Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$46.70
Disability Assistance, State	3,027.43
Aid to Dependent Children—State	3,969.28
Old Age Assistance—State	13,349.00
Disability Assistance	
Administration—State	12.71
Old Age Assistance—	
Cities and Towns	1,687.15

Veterans' Benefits—State	696.21	
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	2,178.50	
School Department—		
Tuition	5,332.60	
State Wards' Tuition and		
Transportation	1,122.00	
Miscellaneous Sales	171.65	
Insurance Refund	20.74	
Cafeteria Income	4,381.02	
General Relief—Temporary Aid		
and Transportation	342.70	
	<hr/>	\$36,337.69
Vocational Education—State	2,777.97	
Water Rents	10,328.20	
County Extension Note and Interest	1,937.50	
Water Miscellaneous	377.79	
Water Entrances and Connections	357.00	
Water Lien Fees	6.00	
Liquor Advertisements	27.50	
Tax Collector's Costs and Fees	49.30	
Truck and Tractor Earnings	7,276.01	
Sale of Town Histories	10.00	
Tax Title Sale	325.00	
Tax Title Check to Treasurer	35.00	
High School Athletic Fund	217.40	
	<hr/>	\$23,724.67
Federal Withholding Tax	\$14,774.13	
Employees' Retirement Deductions	1,003.24	
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	980.00	
	<hr/>	\$16,757.37
Interest:		
Taxes, Real and Personal	\$735.95	
Taxes, Motor Vehicle and		
Trailer Excise	36.70	
Treasurer's Deposit	305.27	
	<hr/>	\$1,077.92

Library Fines	7.56
Trust Funds:	
Income	

Collins School Fund	\$1,185.62
Whiting Street Fund	160.25
Electa Waite Fund	53.20
A. S. Hills Fund	150.00
Mary L. Main Fund	75.00
Byron Loomis Fund	223.08
O. G. Spelman Fund	1,097.65
Ethel Curry Fund	26.25
C. J. Hills Fund	150.00
Cemetery Fund	39.76
Lyman Waite Fund	20.13
Albert D. Sanders Fund	170.84
Ellsworth H. Hyde Fund	78.86
	<hr/> \$3,430.64

Total Receipts	\$341,223.43
Cash on Hand January 1, 1955	273,841.58
	<hr/> \$615,065.01
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TRUST FUNDS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Town Treasurer	\$117,800.44
Trust Funds, Cash and Securities in Custody of Trustee	3,694.07
	<hr/> \$121,494.51
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Henry M. Hills Hospital Bed Fund	\$16,432.21
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	5,574.25
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	3,000.00
Electa Waite Charity Fund	1,773.51

Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	700.00
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	5,000.00
Collins School Fund	12,423.45
Onslow G. Spelman School Fund	36,947.77
Byron Loomis School Fund	7,436.51
Ethel Curry School Fund	1,000.00
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	6,508.30
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	3,004.77
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	1,325.00
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,264.22
Helen E. James School Fund	3,694.07
Henry M. Warner Fund	5,410.45

\$121,494.51

NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$247,000.00
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\$247,000.00

Water Main South Street Extension Loan	\$4,000.00
Water Main Sanatorium Extension Loan	4,000.00
Underground Water Supply Loan	19,000.00
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School Loan	220,000.00

\$247,000.00

PAYMENTS

Moderator		\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	\$600.00	
Selectmen's Maintenance	259.41	
Advertising Notices	38.38	
	<hr/>	\$897.79

Accountant's Salary	\$750.00	
Accountant's Maintenance	101.85	
Accountant's New Equipment	67.40	
	<hr/>	\$919.25
Treasurer's Salary	\$900.00	
Treasurer's Maintennace	279.53	
Tax Title Expense	38.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,217.78
Tax Collector's Salary	\$600.00	
Tax Collector's Maintenance	475.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,075.00
Assessors' Salaries	\$550.00	
Assessors' Maintenance	277.78	
	<hr/>	\$827.78
Town Counsel		\$125.00
Town Clerk's Salary	\$300.00	
Town Clerk's Maintenance	344.58	
	<hr/>	\$644.58
Elections and Registrations :		
Registrars	\$125.00	
Election of Officers	84.00	
Printing and Stationery	31.50	
Loud Speaker System	60.00	
Rent	25.00	
Record Book	18.30	
	<hr/>	\$343.80
Elector, Oliver Smith Will		\$10.00
Finance Committee Clerk		\$25.00
Executive Secretary's Salary		\$1,313.13
Town Hall :		
Fuel	\$52.00	
Lights	59.16	
Telephone	217.51	
Janitor	91.15	

Painting Exterior	394.00	
Repairs	11.05	
	<hr/>	\$824.87
Town Shed:		
Fuel	\$77.00	
Repairs	46.04	
	<hr/>	\$123.04
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Total General Government		\$8,372.02
Police Department:		
Salaries	\$200.00	
Labor	868.45	
Special Police	106.00	
Legal	25.00	
Equipment	43.15	
Mileage	188.80	
Dog Tax Collection Fees	30.60	
Telephones	114.19	
Court Fees	120.10	
	<hr/>	\$1,696.29
Fire Department:		
Salaries	\$418.00	
Telephones	663.09	
Lights	118.20	
Insurance	200.43	
Labor and Training	880.11	
Fuel	460.65	
Equipment Maintenance	840.81	
Truck Repair	208.51	
New Equipment	1,095.04	
Building Maintenance	555.38	
Administration	48.96	
	<hr/>	\$5,489.18

Sealer of Weights and Measures :

Salary	\$94.64	
Equipment	5.36	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

Tree Warden :

Labor	\$266.39	
Chain Saw	67.50	
Truck and Tractor	158.50	
	<hr/>	\$492.39

Dutch Elm Control :

Labor	\$264.03	
Chain Saw	80.25	
Truck and Tractor	117.11	
Spraying	265.00	
	<hr/>	\$726.39

Civil Defense :

Observation Post Construction	\$309.99	
Furnishings	63.11	
Lights	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$381.10

Total Protection of Persons and Property	<hr/>	\$8,885.35
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salary	\$100.00
Administration	67.70
Sanatorium	505.65
Barn and Animal Inspection	50.00
Slaughter Inspection	40.00
Town Dump Rent	200.00
Town Dump Caretaker	498.60
Garbage Collection	1,800.00

Rubbish Collection	419.00
Town Dump Maintenance	458.25
Well Child Clinic	298.17
Visiting Nurse	1,200.00
Total Health and Sanitation	<hr/> \$5,637.37

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Chapter 81 :

Labor	\$6,026.15
Town Equipment	3,223.51
Private Equipment	1,258.25
Gravel	972.22
Colprovia	797.10
Culverts	73.08
Calcium Chloride	100.53
Hot Patch	234.40
Stone	20.25
Oil	1,244.03
Tar	306.56
Sanding	444.00
	<hr/> \$14,700.08

Storm Damage—Highways

Labor	\$2,207.89
Town Equipment	1,695.75
Private Equipment	6,353.25
Gravel	1,000.65
Colprovia	333.00
Culverts	128.60
Stone	5.50
	<hr/> \$11,724.64

Chapter 90 Construction—Route 143 Special

Labor	\$1,131.35
Town Equipment	423.00
Private Equipment	1,290.75

Cement	44.63	
Kerosene	11.80	
Gravel and Grits	249.64	
Grass Seed	8.85	
Tar	864.21	
Cement Blocks	46.55	
	<hr/>	\$4,070.78

Winter and General Highways :

Labor	\$3,318.79	
Town Equipment	1,713.25	
Plowing	106.39	
Sanding	2,641.90	
Sand	561.35	
Salt	172.69	
Patch	98.40	
Plow Blades	303.14	
	<hr/>	\$8,915.91

Bridges and Railings :

Labor	\$364.98	
Town Equipment	115.50	
Cement	143.02	
Steel Rod	182.88	
Miscellaneous (letters and figures)	10.20	
Sand	11.71	
Lumber	159.75	
Private Equipment	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$995.04

Chapter 90 Construction :

Labor	\$1,905.81	
Town Equipment	487.75	
Private Equipment	736.25	
Gravel	467.89	
Cement	13.00	
Grass Seed	6.63	
Power Saw	31.00	

Lumber	9.08	
Culverts	696.01	
Oil	757.58	
	<hr/>	\$5,111.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance :		
Labor	\$635.08	
Town Equipment	425.75	
Private Equipment	128.00	
Colprovia	121.80	
Tar	1,209.35	
Gravel	249.95	
Grits	230.09	
	<hr/>	\$3,000.02
Sidewalks :		
Labor	\$30.00	
Town Equipment	27.00	
	<hr/>	\$57.00
Fairfield Ave. Sign :		
Labor	\$5.00	
Sign	9.93	
	<hr/>	\$14.93
Old Goshen Road Repair :		
Labor	\$50.50	
Town Equipment	39.75	
Gravel	6.00	
Culvert	88.59	
	<hr/>	\$184.84
Tool Account		\$162.93
Street Lights		\$3,121.68
Truck and Tractor Maintenance :		
Repairs and Parts	\$1,576.10	
Gas, Oil and Grease	1,648.49	
Insurance	538.67	

Tires	207.50	
Anti-freeze	74.40	
Pump	34.00	
Tools	32.18	
	<hr/>	\$4,111.34
Rent of Power Grader		\$1,400.00
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Total of Highways and Bridges		\$57,570.19

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

General Relief :

Board and Room	\$1,455.49	
Hospital	227.36	
Physicians	11.00	
Burial	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,843.85

Welfare Agent's Salary :

Town	\$1,000.00	
Federal D. A. Administration	188.55	
Federal A. D. C. Administration	595.26	
	<hr/>	\$1,783.81

Welfare Agent's Administration	\$200.00
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Disability Assistance—Town :

Assistance	\$2,790.61	
Physicians	29.00	
Hospitals	2,148.75	
Medicine	11.14	
Glasses	20.50	
	<hr/>	\$5,000.00

Disability Assistance—Federal :

Assistance	\$1,574.31	
Physicians	57.00	

Hospitals	732.91	
Medicine	15.39	
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	\$2,379.61	
	<hr/>	\$7,379.61

Aid to Dependent Children—Town :

Aid	\$6,507.71
Physicians	118.25
Hospitals	545.86
Glasses	76.00
Medicine	43.68
Dental	208.50
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	\$7,500.00

Aid to Dependent Children—Federal :

Aid	\$2,838.21	
Physicians	76.00	
Medicine	29.96	
Hospitals	533.58	
Glasses	25.00	
Dental	90.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,092.75
	\$3,592.75	

Old Age Assistance—Town :

Assistance	\$17,087.39
Homes	1,088.00
Physicians	498.60
Medicine	417.82
Glasses	76.50
Dental	5.00
Ambulance	30.00
Hospitals	2,784.69
Miscellaneous	12.00
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	\$22,000.00

Old Age Assistance—Federal:

Assistance	\$7,120.85
Homes	455.00
Physicians	126.40
Medicine	106.91
Hospitals	198.94
Glasses	13.00

\$8,021.10

\$30,021.10

Veterans' Benefits:

Benefits	\$2,372.95
Fuel	204.25
Medicine	16.12
Physicians	16.00
Hospital	227.36

\$2,836.68

Veterans' Agent's Salary \$300.00

Veterans' Agent's Maintenance \$150.00

\$3,286.68

Total Charities and Soldier's Benefits

\$55,607.80

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES

Superintendents' Salaries	\$3,200.00
Clerks' Salaries	2,100.00
Office Supplies	129.11
Telephones	402.01
Union Expense	300.00
Sundries	459.05
Athletics	806.23
Nurse and Travel	685.00
Insurance	1,519.29
Physicians	400.00
Committees' Salary	275.00

Teachers' Salaries	78,990.56
Music Teacher	1,420.18
Drawing Teacher	733.44
Penmanship	480.00
Smith's School Tuition	6,909.00
Smith's School Transportation	936.05
Transportation	7,869.50
Books	2,638.23
Classroom Supplies	1,366.49
Janitors' Supplies	1,121.33
Janitors' Salaries	7,316.73
Fuel	2,911.11
Lights	1,396.42
Repairs	1,983.02
New Equipment	1,946.99

Cafeteria :

Labor	\$1,122.00	
Food and Supplies	1,811.95	
Linen	29.92	
Express	10.00	
Misc.	26.13	
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		\$3,000.00

\$131,294.74

Rehabilitation Fund :

Repairs	\$18.51
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New Elementary School Construction :

Architect's Fees	\$4,776.91
Survey	20.00
Construction	121,372.67
Advertising	19.50
Equipment	30,075.85
Miscellaneous	340.50
Legal	429.00

\$157,034.43

Haydenville Library :

Librarian	\$81.00
Janitor	28.50
Lights	12.00
Repairs	21.30
Miscellaneous	3.31
Fuel	13.00
Books	103.80
New Equipment	124.50

\$387.41

Haydenville Lunch Room :

Repairs	\$41.99
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Albert D. Saunders Fund :

New Equipment	\$119.95
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Collins School Fund :

Insurance—Driver Education	\$153.40
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Athletic Fund—High School	\$840.00
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School Lunch—Cafeteria Income :

Labor	\$1,586.25
Food and Supplies	1,988.26
Linen	56.32
Miscellaneous	62.95
Express	9.45

\$3,703.23

Total of Schools and Libraries	\$293,593.66
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RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Recreation :

Band	\$40.00
Hallowe'en Party	15.00
Repairs	4.50
Equipment	71.45

\$130.95

Athletic Field :

Labor	\$198.50	
Truck Hire	33.75	
Repairs	2.00	
Loam	10.00	
Plowing	9.00	
Gas	5.11	
Paint	5.85	
Equipment	23.25	
	<hr/>	\$287.46

\$418.41

Town Clocks \$104.61

• Memorial Day :

Speaker	\$10.00	
Fife and Drum Corps	80.00	
Flags	18.50	
Markers	28.50	
Baskets	13.00	
	<hr/>	\$150.00

Printing Town Reports 1954 \$340.00

Wood Lot 8.40

Census 224.80

Wild Cat Bounty 10.00

Total of Recreation and Unclassified \$1,256.22

ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERIES

Water Department :

Pipe Line Maintenance	\$3,420.54
Water Shed	58.73
Chlorinator Maintenance	271.39
Additional Water Supply	902.83
Administration	169.19
Caretaker of Chlorinator	100.00

Caretaker of Supply	150.00	
Labor	53.45	
Trucking	33.75	
Water Entrances and Connections	229.04	
	<hr/>	\$5,388.92
Water Entrances and Connections Service:		\$36.25
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Total Water Department		\$5,425.17

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Workmen's Compensation		\$1,237.86
Taxes:		
State Parks and Reservations	\$286.80	
State Audit	1,190.69	
County Tax	9,521.44	
Dog Tax	593.40	
	<hr/>	\$11,592.33
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		
Income	\$39.76	
Withholding Tax	14,388.92	
Employees' Retirement Deductions	941.36	
Town's Share Retirement Fund	605.57	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	980.00	
Collector's Costs and Fees	49.30	
	<hr/>	\$17,004.91
Trust Funds:		
C. J. Hills Fund	\$216.00	
H. M. Hills Bed Fund	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$241.00
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Total of Agency, Trust and Investment		\$30,076.10

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest :

Water Loan	\$116.88	
Additional Water Supply	450.00	
Sanatorium Extension Note	137.50	
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School	3,430.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,134.38

Loans :

Water Loan	\$500.00	
Additional Water Supply	2,000.00	
Sanatorium Extension	2,000.00	
Anne T. Dunphy Elementary School	25,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$29,500.00

Total Interest and Maturing Debt	\$33,634.38
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Refunds :

1954 Motor Vehicle Excise	\$95.57	
1955 Motor Vehicle Excise	805.36	
1955 Real Estate	147.60	
1954 Water Rent	2.00	
1955 Water Rent	35.40	
	<hr/>	\$1,085.93

CEMETERIES

Mountain St. :

Labor	\$75.00
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Old Village Hill :

Labor	\$30.00
Weed Control	5.40
Tree Care	35.00

70.40

\$145.40

Total Payments	\$501,289.59
Cash on hand December 31, 1955	\$113,775.42
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	\$615,065.01
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RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Accountant's Maintenance	\$1.85
Assessors' Maintenance	27.78
Elections and Registrations	.88
Observation Post Construction	9.99
Highways Chapter 81	.08
Highways Chapter 90 Special	.04
Highways Chapter 90 Maintenance	.02
Veterans' Benefits	1,536.68
Street Lights	1.68
Workmen's Compensation	37.86
Water Department	343.82
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	\$1,960.68

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG
Balance Sheet — December 31, 1955
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash	\$113,775.42
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Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1953,		
Real Estate	\$52.81	\$52.81
Levy of 1954,		
Personal Property	727.96	
Real Estate	3,095.09	
Water Liens to 1954 Tax	51.50	
		\$3,874.55

Levy of 1955,		
Polls	80.00	
Personal Property	2,750.50	
Real Estate	20,748.86	
		\$23,579.36

Tax Titles	379.58	
Tax Possessions	192.43	
		\$572.01

Departmental:

Aid to Dependent Children	\$1,227.10	
Old Age Assistance	232.04	
		\$1,459.14

Water Department:

Rates,	\$1,475.96	
Miscellaneous	882.84	
		\$2,358.80

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:

Taxes:

Levy of 1954	\$356.26	
Levy of 1955	2,617.94	
	<hr/>	\$2,974.20
State and County Aid to Highways		10,908.59
Due from Post War Rehabilitation Fund		5,300.00
County Tax 1955		626.44
Highways, Storm Damage		5,267.35
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		\$170,748.67
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LIABILITIES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:

Federal Taxes	\$1,475.65	
Contributory Retirement Fund	131.47	
	<hr/>	\$1,607.12
Dog Licenses Due County,		101.40
Tailings		54.33
Trust Fund Income:		
Henry M. Hills Bed Fund	\$1,000.42	
Whiting Street Worthy		
Poor Fund	681.97	
Mary L. Main Worthy Poor Fund	388.50	
Electa Waite Charity Fund	263.52	
Lyman D. Waite Charity Fund	185.20	
Albert S. Hills Charity Fund	612.06	
C. J. Hills Charity Fund	506.49	
Collins School Fund	953.65	
Byron Loomis School Fund	436.16	
Ethel Curry School Fund	88.75	
Onsglow G. Spelman Fund	264.62	
Albert D. Sanders School Fund	336.95	
Ellsworth H. Hyde School Fund	212.21	
	<hr/>	\$5,930.50

Old Age Assistance Recoveries		2,952.50
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance:		
Assistance	\$1,253.74	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Administration	153.14	
Aid	2,959.79	
Old Age Assistance:		
Administration	1,831.74	
Assistance	9,343.30	
	<hr/>	\$15,541.71
School Athletic Fund		589.85
School Cafeteria, Local	\$677.79	
State	946.79	
	<hr/>	\$1,624.58
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue, General	\$14,092.93	
Non-Revenue, New Elem. School	8,096.88	
	<hr/>	\$22,189.81
Federal Works Agency, Water Plans		12.00
Road Machinery Fund		10,068.81
State and County Aid to Highways		10,908.59
Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus		8,001.54
Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy of 1953	\$52.81	
Levy of 1954	1,306.28	
Levy of 1955	4,823.54	
	<hr/>	\$6,182.63
Revenues, Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise	\$2,974.20	
Tax Titles and Possessions	572.01	

Departmental	1,459.14	
Water	2,410.30	
	<hr/>	\$7,415.65
Water Department, Entrances and Connections	60.00	
Excess, Sale of Lands of Low Value	226.49	
State Park Tax	39.24	
Water Available Surplus	8,041.85	
Surplus Revenue	69,200.07	
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		\$170,748.67
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Assessors' Report

The method for computing the tax rate for the year 1955 is as follows :

Appropriations to be raised	\$226,585.42
Taken from available funds	
in 1955	74,891.67
State Parks and Reservations	326.04
State Audit	1,190.69
County Tax	8,895.00
Overlay of Current Year	10,548.84
Gross Amount to be raised	<hr/> \$322,437.66

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds :

Income Tax	\$28,133.19
Corporation Taxes	6,360.47
Reimbursement of Publicly	
Owned Land	108.91
Old Age Tax	686.26
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	14,600.00
Licenses	4,500.00
Fines	25.00
Protection of Persons and	
Property	75.00
Health and Sanitation	1,000.00
Charities	4,000.00
Old Age Assistance	14,000.00
Veterans' Services	300.00
Schools	12,400.00
Public Service Enterprises	5,045.10
Interest : on Taxes and	
Assessments	600.00
Total Estimated Receipts	<hr/> \$91,833.93

Overestimates of Previous Year to be used
as Available Funds :

County Tax	\$654.97
State Parks and Reservations	1.45
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	70.58
Amounts voted to be taken from available funds	\$85,618.67

Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	\$177,452.60
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Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation on
Polls and Property :

Polls, 534 @ \$2.00	\$1,068.00
Total Value Personal Property \$213,429 @ \$72.00 per M	15,366.89
Total Value Real Estate \$1,785,419.00 @ \$72.00	128,550.17

Total Taxes levied on Polls and Property	\$144,985.06
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Total Amount of 1955 Taxes on Polls and Property and of Assessments added to taxes as committed to Collector	\$144,985.06
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Respectfully submitted,

VERNON P. WEST

JOSEPH M. DYMERSKI

EDWIN C. BRECKENRIDGE, Ch.

Report of Water Commissioners

This year, this board operated with two entirely new members and one who had seen service in the past.

Regular meetings were held every Wednesday during the year with the exception of two, and in addition, 16 special meetings were held either to contact customers or for special duties. We welcome any citizen to the regular meetings to discuss any problem pertaining to the Water Department.

Our objective, in addition to the routine work of past years, was to formulate and put into practice policies which should result in a more businesslike operation of the department and ultimately place the department in a position which would guarantee its self-support. As a step in this direction, after a survey of rates charged in the surrounding towns and an analysis of the increased maintenance costs of recent years, all water rates were increased and the new rate put into effect at mid-year.

As most of you know, our water system is 50-odd years old and each year some money must be allocated to repair and replacement. At the present time, several of the hydrants should be repaired if possible or replaced with new.

In order to insure the collection of all rightful revenue due this department, it was voted to establish a deposit policy for all new work before the actual work was started.

We were able to allocate sufficient funds for the purchase of 22 meters this year. The majority have

already been installed and additional requests are on file and will be filled as soon as funds are available. In addition, 3 old meters were repaired and restored to service.

The department has started a master plan of the entire system which will show the exact location of all hydrants and main gate valves. At the present time the records of some sections of the system are inadequate or obsolete.

A schedule has been set up for the flushing of hydrants and this will be done not less than four times per year.

During the latter part of August, we experienced very heavy rainfall. As a result of this rain, a small earth slide occurred on the face of the Unquemonk dam. In addition, the access road to the dam was completely washed out. After meeting with the engineering representatives from the County Commissioners' Office, immediate steps were taken to repair this damage.

After several requests, the Flood Relief Board advised us to contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. After meeting with 13 different representatives of the Corps we were granted the repair of the road, the dam and the removal of 5000 cubic yards of silt and debris from the reservoir. We were later able to increase this yardage to 8000. All of this work was completed by the Donovan Brothers of Worthington at a cost to the Federal Government of \$18,000.00.

The end result of this work which has been accomplished at no cost to the citizens of Williamsburg and Haydenville, has been an additional storage capacity of 1,600,000 gallons of water which is an approximate 15% increase. In addition, the reservoir is nearly as clean as when originally built.

While this work was in progress, the Board decided that due to the clear evidence shown during the heavy

August rains, the spillway was not large enough to accommodate such unprecedented rainfall and steps should be taken to enlarge the throat of the spillway. This decision was supported by three engineers who all strongly advised that the work be done. Naturally, as this was an improvement and not a result of the rain, the Federal Government would not allow any funds for this work.

The department hired a contractor to enlarge the spillway by blasting sections of ledge and this work has doubled the capacity and provided a faster release of water when necessary.

The additional water supply at the pumping station has been, as in past years, a definite asset. The electric pump was used on fourteen different occasions, during the heavy spring run-off, the very dry months and while the cleaning operation was in progress at the upper reservoir. A total of 27,000,000 gallons of water pumped was recorded for the year.

The collection of water rents and departmental paper work has been very capably handled by the Town Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. DAMON, JR.

BERTRAM W. CLARKE

HOWARD R. SANDERSON

REPORT OF AN AUDIT

OF

THE ACCOUNTS OF

THE WATER COLLECTOR

OF

The Town of Williamsburg

For the Period from

March 28, 1954 to March 1, 1955

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of

Chapter 44, General Laws

Water Department

Water Rates — Accounts Receivable

Ralph R. Mason, Water Collector

Outstanding March 28, 1954	\$2,021.23	
Commitments March 28 to December 31, 1954	4,298.89	
	<hr/>	\$6,320.12

Payments to treasurer		
March 28 to December 31, 1954	\$4,224.96	
Discounts and abatements		
March 28 to December 31, 1954	327.61	
Water liens added to taxes 1954		
March 28 to December 31, 1954	480.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	1,287.30	
	<hr/>	\$6,320.12
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Outstanding January 1, 1955	\$1,287.30	
Commitments January 1 to March 1, 1955	4,704.41	
Water liens added to taxes 1954, erroneously	11.00	
Payments in advance of commitment		
January 1 to March 1, 1955	11.25	
	<hr/>	\$6,013.96

Payments to treasurer		
January 1 to March 1, 1955	\$3,225.11	
Discounts and abatements		
January 1 to March 1, 1955	319.61	

Outstanding March 1, 1955, per list, recommitted to Ruth T. Mongeau, water collector	2,469.24	
	<hr/>	\$6,013.96
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Water Miscellaneous — Accounts Receivable

Outstanding March 28, 1954	\$409.37	
Commitments March 28 to December 31, 1954	79.80	
	<hr/>	\$489.17

Payments to treasurer		
March 28 to December 31, 1954	\$179.74	
Outstanding December 31, 1954	309.43	
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Outstanding January 1, 1955	\$309.43	
Commitments January 1 to March 1, 1955	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$312.43

Outstanding March 1, 1955, per list, recommitted to Ruth T. Mongeau, water collector		\$312.43
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Report of Tree Warden

Labor, chainsaw & trucks	
cutting and disposal of trees	\$291.64
Harry W. Warner, Jr., labor	49.50
Paul Waite, tree climber	59.00
Robert S. Loomis, labor	2.25
Herbert Kellogg, tractor & truck	60.75
Charles Kellogg, labor	4.50
Henry Warner, labor	8.25
James Childs, labor	16.50
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	\$492.39

Number of trees cut 5

Number of trees cabled 1

Storm damage limbs removed

DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Labor, chainsaw & trucks	
cutting and disposal of trees	\$195.54
Harry W. Warner, Jr. labor	48.00
Paul Waite, tree climber	92.00
Robert S. Loomis, labor	32.25
Herbert Kellogg, tractor & truck	72.60
John B. Vollinger, rental of 2-man chainsaw	21.00
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	\$461.39

Number of trees cut 5

Samples were obtained from 7 elm trees suspected of being diseased. These were taken to the University of Massachusetts for testing, and five were found to be diseased. These five trees were removed. At least two elms and 1 maple should be removed this year.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. DEWEY,

Tree Warden

Library Report

Mrs. John Winne served as librarian during 1955 but resigned at the end of the year.

We have had the services of the Bookmobile again this year and have had a good number and variety of books. Consequently, we have not had to buy so many books and have been able to purchase a much needed new desk for the use of the librarian and keep under our appropriation.

Books added in 1955	62
Books on hand	3227
Circulation	4900
Fines	\$7.73

Many of the children's books and some of the adult fiction are in very bad condition and will be discarded early in 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

LULA SMITH

LORA PHINNEY

MAUDE E. SANDERSON

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report for the period of January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955:

A Well Child Clinic was held in each Village school with a total of 113 children being examined.

Anti-Polio shots were administered to children of each Village whose parents requested them; there being a total of 120 children who were administered the first injection.

A total of 120 children in Grades 1 and 2 were given Polio Vaccine with the permission of the parents. The second injections were held up pending the State Department of Health's decision which hasn't been clarified, as they may include the children up through the 14-age group if funds are made available.

The Eating and Drinking Establishments in Town have been inspected by the Board.

The Board has maintained a careful inspection of animals and slaughters with the good work of our inspectors.

The Town Dump is still a problem as we have had too many outside residents making use of it without our permission. We may have the solution to that now as we have had a gate erected and keep it locked during the week, opening it only on Saturday and part of Sunday under the supervision of a caretaker. Any resident wishing to use it at any other time may do so by obtaining a key from any member of the Board.

Pertaining to the Monthly Rubbish Collection, we ask the cooperation of the Townspeople in that rubbish be put in containers that one man can handle and should not include whole pieces of furniture or home furnishings.

The Board operates the Garbage Collection under the State Health Laws and requests the residents not to include paper, cans, corn husks and shell sea food which cannot be cooked in their garbage.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD A. REARDON,

Chairman of the Board

Report of the Police Department

Streets patrolled week-ends and holidays.

Sixteen accidents were reported and inspected by Police.

Nine persons received injuries (none fatal).

Two were taken to the hospital by the Police.

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

Two licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of Chief.

Four patients taken to the State Hospital by the Police.

Four stray dogs taken to S. P. C. A. Shelter.

Five dogs hit by autos (two were killed), (two destroyed), (one taken to a veterinary).

Four persons complained that they were bitten by dogs.

Thirty-seven summonses served for outside departments.

Twenty-eight complaints taken before the District Court.

Drunkenness	4
Vagrancy	1
Speeding	4
Failing to stop for flashing red light	1
Operating without license	1

Operating under influence	1
Driving so as to endanger	1
Leaving scene after doing property damage	2
Operating car, no insurance	1
Operating car, no registration	1
Failing to have windshield stickers	5
Trespassing	1
Disturbing the peace	1
Larceny	3
Assault and Battery	1
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Twenty-four persons pleaded or were found guilty.

Four persons found not guilty—twenty-six males,
1 female.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS,

Chief of Police

Report of Fire Department

During the year of 1955, this department has operated with two companies. No. 1 in Williamsburg and No. 2 in Haydenville.

Patrick Larkin of Haydenville was appointed Assistant Chief and Lester Wells of Williamsburg as Captain.

There were 31 alarms answered as follows.

- 7 House Fires
- 6 Chimney Fires
- 3 Haydenville Dump Fires
- 3 Vehicle Fires
- 1 Gasoline Engine Fire
- 11 Grass and Brush Fires

Captain Ackerman from the Greenfield Fire Department held an 8 week training course for the men in Company 1 this last summer. This course gave the men some excellent training in modern fire fighting. The same training was to be given to the men of Company 2 but due to cold weather, it was decided to wait until spring of 1956.

312 open air fire permits were issued, 50 bottled gas and 68 oil burner inspections were made.

A new set of controls for the siren in Williamsburg was installed to make the alarm easier to operate.

300 feet of 1½" fire hose along with numerous small pieces of equipment were added to the department.

All our equipment was tested by the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association this year, the results as follows:

1. Engine 1 and 2 both pumped over 500 gallons of water per minute at 120 lbs, head pressure per square inch. This is the requirement for the equipment. Consideration should be given to replacing Engine 1 in Williamsburg with a new triple combination pumping engine having a capacity of at least 750 gallons per minute.

2. A new fire station be constructed to replace the present Haydenville station. This building should be of a modern design, constructed of fire resistive materials and be of a sufficient size to provide safe and adequate housing for the apparatus, provisions for the storage and care of hose and equipment, adequate facilities should be provided also for fire department meetings.

3. A complete spare shift of hose for each pumper should be provided at the fire stations. This consists of 1000 feet of 2½" double jacket, rubber lined hose.

During the flood of last August, 36 cellars were pumped out. This pumping involved 136 man hours which were given as a service by this department, under emergency conditions, to save property from damage there was no cost to the individual concerned. We do not normally do this.

It is strongly recommended an addition be added to the station in Williamsburg to house the tanker that is so badly needed by our out districts and for forest fires.

I wish to thank the Selectmen for their advice and help during the past year, also the excellent cooperation and willingness of the men in the fire department.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD SANDERSON,
Fire Chief

Visiting Nurse

To the Selectmen

Town of Williamsburg

The Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Mabel Shumway, reported that a total of 550 calls were made during the year 1955.

The Annual Well Child Clinic was held in June with Dr. Fredrica Smith attending Pediatrician. A total of one hundred and thirteen children were examined, forty-four in Haydenville, and sixty-nine in Williamsburg.

Following is the financial statement for the year:

Receipts for 1955:

Nurse's collections	\$550.00
Donation for use of hospital bed	10.00
Rent of card tables	4.00
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Total receipts	\$564.00

Expenditures:

Gas for nurse's car	\$212.00
Old Age Tax paid for nurse	14.00
Supplies for nurse's use	1.02
Spray for funeral of Asso. director	5.00
Nurse's salary	\$1,300.00
less taxes withheld	150.20
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	1,149.80
Taxes for'd to Gov.	140.50
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	1,290.30

Less Town appro.	1,200.00	90.30	322.32
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Excess of receipts over expenditures			\$241.68

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN J. DRAKE,
President

Report of Arbitration Committee on Carl King Property Damage Claim

Selectmen of the Town of Williamsburg,
Williamsburg,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen :

In accordance with the appointment of the Moderator at the Town Meeting in February, 1955, the undersigned met at the premises of Carl T. King and Cora King, on Mountain Street, in Haydenville, at ten o'clock A.M. on Saturday, December 17, 1955, examined the premises, ascertained the portion taken by the Town for highway purposes in the year 1953, and conferred relative to a fair appraisal of that damage.

It was determined that the taking had consisted of a plot extending the whole length of the land owned by the said Kings, approximately twelve hundred (1200) feet in length, and with varying depths from zero to twenty (20) feet. Examination disclosed that a substantial portion of the front lawn of the house on the premises had been taken ; that the taking included all of the land on which a hedgerow or windbreak stood, and a substantial section of a gravel bank.

The figures of each of the appraisers were of considerable variance, but after considerable discussion, a compromise and modification, basing the basic elements of damage on (1) damage to the lawn; (2) loss of wind-

break, which was beneficial because the land behind it has been utilized for many years for the raising of tobacco; (3) loss of gravel bank; (4) loss of the land itself; and (5) the taking of several substantial trees, was reached and that a fair figure to compensate the owners of the property would be Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.).

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS BLACK,

Appraiser, representing the
Town of Williamsburg.

EDWIN P. DUNPHY,

Appraiser, representing the
owners, Carl T. King and
Cora King.

LAURENCE D. RHOADES,

Indepedent Appraiser,
selected by the other two ap-
praisers.

Report of Committee on Old Cemetery

Board of Selectmen
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

This is to report to you what has been done in regard to the Town cemetery this year.

Through the splendid cooperation of Howard Sanderson, we have managed to get the weeds and brush cut once. Some of the larger bushes were cut a second time; all leaning stones on the North and East sides have been straightened; the entire area was burned in the spring to be rid of the worst of the standing refuse; poison ivy was sprayed, the total cost being less than \$40.

It was noted that a large maple had dropped dead branches breaking some stones and with many other dead branches ready to fall at any time, very possibly on some person at the Town's liability. Through the cooperation of the Tree Warden, we obtained a tree climber who trimmed the tree and removed the refuse for the sum of \$35., making the total cost to the town less than \$75. this year.

There is much more work to be done and it is recommended that:

1. A power mower be purchased so that the cemetery could be mowed at least 10 times a year, thereby aiding nature to establish a smooth surfaced lawn. Mr. Sanderson has located a mower we believe to be suitable for this purpose.

2. The remaining stones should be righted. Some would require a small power hoist.

3. All new ivy sprouts should be dealt with at once to ensure permanent eradication.

4. Trees cut in 1948 have again sprouted up, some along the edge have grown up to 4 inches in diameter and are crowding stones.

5. I suggest that the selectmen request the voters to appropriate \$200 for care and maintenance of the cemetery and the sum of \$150 for the purchase of a sickle, tractor mower with extra power attachment.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL M. HEMENWAY

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

Town of Williamsburg

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Kenneth Sherk, Chairman, Tel. 295	1956
Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Secretary, Tel. 260	1956
Norman F. Graves, Tel. 248	1958
Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Tel. 227	1957
Stanley Soltys, Tel. 4253	1956

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Lucius A. Merritt	Tel. 299
Office, Anne T. Dunphy School	Tel. 770

SUPERVISOR OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

J. Walter Richard, Amherst	Tel. 770
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SUPERVISOR OF ART

Mary B. Hitchcock, Worthington	Tel. 2551
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SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP

Rinehart System directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Koss

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Olive A. Healy, West Chesterfield	Tel. 2355
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SPECIAL READING TEACHER

Jean Snow, Williamsburg	Tel. 4322
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SCHOOL PHYSICIANS

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg	Tel. 260
Dr. Ruth Hemenway, Williamsburg	Tel. 3241

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Barbara Swanda, Williamsburg

Tel. 572

SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

H. Merrill Bisbee, Williamsburg

Tel. 4762

Charles Sabo, Williamsburg

Tel. 3581

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of each month

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

At call of Superintendent

HELEN E. JAMES SCHOOL

Tel. 4421

TEACHERS

	Tel.
Principal, Anne T. Dunphy : Latin, Civics, Guidance Haydenville	4781
Peter P. Vall : Science 30 City View Ave., W. Springfield	4-3648
Robert Branch : Math, History 61 Meadow Street, Florence	4554
Mrs. Frances M. Grinnell : Commercial 32 Conz Street, Northampton	1348
Miss Maria Lovechio : English, Debating 81 Edgeland St., Springfield	Re 3-5592
Mrs. Lula B. Smith : English Haydenville	282
Earl F. Tonet : French, Athletics, World Geo., Driver Education 387 Florence Rd., Northampton	1197-M
Mrs. Anna B. Curtis : Grade 7 Chesterfield	2011

Miss Martha Dickerman : Social Studies, Jr. High Science 106 Main St., Spencer, Mass.	8391
Henry Hmieski : Jr. High Arith., Boys' Physical Education Williamsburg	784
Mrs. Joanne Wolff : Social Studies, World History, Girls' Phys. Ed. Amherst Rd., Sunderland, Mass.	

ANNE T. DUNPHY SCHOOL

Tel. 770

Principal, Edith D. Foster, Grade 6 Williamsburg	4211
Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, Grade 5 Williamsburg	525
Mrs. Eleanor Soden, Grade 4 16 Massasoit St., Northampton	5160-M
Mrs. Dorothy R. Colburn, Grade 3 Williamsburg	3891
Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, Grade 2 Haydenville	522
Mrs. Sophia D. Eaton, Grade 1 Williamsburg	537

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL

Tel. 4912

Principal, Margaret Trainor : Grade 6 Haydenville	4732
Mrs. Marion Hickey, Grade 5 Haydenville	4301
Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, Grade 4 Haydenville	4733

Mrs. Ruth Nash, Grade 3	
Williamsburg	3344
Mrs. Doris Tilley, Grade 2	
Williamsburg	4485
Miss Mary Crampton, Grade 1	
Haydenville	3221

SCHOOL CENSUS—OCTOBER 1, 1955

			16 Yrs. or	
Williamsburg	5-7	7-16	over	
Boys	33	118	14	
Girls	19	99	16	
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Total	52	217	30	299
Haydenville				
Boys	22	85	12	
Girls	21	88	4	
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Total	43	173	16	232
Combined Total	95	390	46	531

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1956-1957

Tuesday, September 4, 1956	Staff Meeting
Wednesday, September 5, 1956	Schools Open
Friday, October 5, 1956	Schools Closed—Franklin County Teachers' Convention
Friday, October 12, 1956	Schools Closed—Columbus Day
Monday, November 12, 1956	Schools Closed—Veterans' Day
Wednesday, November 21, 1956	Schools Close at regular time for Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, November 26, 1956 Schools Open
Friday, December 21, 1956

Schools Close at regular time
for Christmas Holiday

1957

Wednesday, January 2, 1957 Schools Open

Friday, February 15, 1957

Schools Close at regular time
for Winter Vacation

Monday, February 25, 1957

Schools Open

Friday, April 12, 1957

Schools Close at regular time
for Spring Vacation

Monday, April 22, 1957

Schools Open

Thursday, May 30, 1957

Schools Closed—Memorial Day

Friday, June 7, 1957

Elementary Schools Close
for Summer Vacation

Thursday, June 20, 1957

High School Graduation

Friday, June 21, 1957

High School Closes

Elementary School 175 days

High School 185 days

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

Year 1955

Total Expenditures for Support from All
Sources

\$131,322.25

Income on Account of Schools:

1. General School Fund \$24,866.40
2. Transportation Reimbursement
Chapter 679 5,914.50

3.	Smith's School Reimbursement	2,777.97	
4.	High School Tuition, Chesterfield, Goshen, Westhampton	5,332.60	
5.	Superintendent's Reimbursement	1,368.66	
6.	State Wards' Tuition and Transportation	1,122.00	
7.	Cash Sent to Treasurer	171.65	
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	Total Income		41,553.78
	Net Expenditures from Local Taxation		\$89,768.47

Report of School Committee

To the Townspeople of Williamsburg.

Greetings :

The committee, made up of Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Miss Eleanor Mansfield, Stanley Soltys, Norman Graves and Kenneth Sherk chose Kenneth Sherk as chairman and Mrs. Ballway as secretary.

The group held more than the usual number of meetings to discuss and make decisions in regard to the operation of the school system. The expansion of the system afforded by the acquisition of the Anne T. Dunphy School presented many new problems.

The upper six grades were combined to form a Junior-Senior High School, grades 7 and 8 representing the junior part. These grades were divided to obtain groups as uniform as possible and all groups are being prepared to enter senior high school in the course of their choice, college preparatory, commercial, or general. The program is departmentalized, using different teachers for different subjects. This program allows us to use the abilities and interests of our teachers to the greatest benefit of the students. A closer correlation of subject matter within the system should lead to improved student progress. We are indebted to Miss Dunphy and the High School staff as well as to the Principals of the Elementary Schools for much sound advice and many valuable suggestions concerning the program of studies.

A limited physical education program has been incorporated into the Junior-Senior High School system.

Each student in grades 7 through 12 has one eighty minute period each week in gymnasium for supervised physical education.

The new cafeteria began operations and serves lunches in three shifts for the Williamsburg groups. Hot lunches are also prepared and transported to the students at the Haydenville School.

The scheduling of classes, gym periods, lunch periods and study periods presented serious difficulties. The present schedule is the product of much time and thought contributed by many persons. It is the best that could be done with the staff and facilities at hand. It is far from ideal. We hope to be able to improve this situation next year.

The partition between the two classrooms in the basement of the Helen E. James School has been removed and the combined space converted to a study hall and library. Thus, no student will spend his school day in the basement. Such study materials that we have are readily available to the students in this large room which is equipped with study tables and chairs.

There have been a gratifying number of students from the surrounding towns attending the Junior-Senior High School. They help to broaden the social and the scholastic aspects of the school. In addition, the town receives a significant remuneration from their tuition.

The Committee feels that the school facilities should be used as much as possible for the benefit of the community. Thus, the gymnasium has been used by local groups nearly every evening. The cafeteria has been used for a variety of meetings. The conference room is used by the Town Secretary during the day and for meetings of several of the town committees in the evening.

Our relations with the Superintendent, staff, and parents have been satisfying. We thank them all for their patience and support.

KENNETH SHERK

Chairman

January 17, 1956

Superintendent's Report

To the Members of the School Committee:

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Superintendent of Schools. It is the thirty-fifth since the beginning of the present series and the fifty-fourth since the formation of the original school union. This is also the third report since Union #56 was formed.

The dedication and the opening of the new Anne T. Dunphy School at Williamsburg was the outstanding event for our schools during the year. This modern building has six attractive classrooms, a spacious gymnasium, a most pleasant cafeteria and kitchen, efficient offices, and many other up-to-date facilities. It is a beautiful building which provides badly needed space for our expanding educational program. The new gym is in almost constant use by the schools as well as by many local groups. Meetings are also held in other parts of the building. It is truly becoming a most important center for the whole community. The building committee deserves our deepest appreciation for the time and thought which they gave in getting this splendid building completed. The life and activities of our townspeople will be greatly influenced by it.

Another important step for the school union as a whole was taken when it was decided by that committee to employ a supervisor of elementary instruction. After a study of the work required by the superintendent, it was found that Union #56 would have 57 teachers on its staff, 6 janitors, 14 cafeteria workers, 3 secretaries, and 18 bus operators. In addition there were nurses, doctors, dentists, truant officers, and others who serve

the schools on a part time basis. A total of 111 persons were employed in the district. It was also necessary to attend 70 - 80 school committee meetings during the year. Appropriations amounting to nearly a third of a million dollars were used in carrying on the school work of the towns in this group. Because of the above facts, and on the recommendation of the superintendent, it was deemed wise to add an elementary supervisor to the staff.

Mr. J. Walter Richard was secured for the work as supervisor of elementary education which in this case includes grades 1 through 8. Mr. Richard is a graduate of Fitchburg Teachers' College and will receive his master's degree from the University of Massachusetts during this summer. He has had six years of experience as an elementary principal in the schools of Amherst and has taught one year at the Air Force base in Tripoli, North Africa. We were, indeed, fortunate to get such an able and well trained young man for this important position.

The change to the 6-6 plan of organization was made when schools opened in September. One Junior-Senior high school was prepared for grades 7 through 12. Two elementary schools, having grades 1 - 6 in each, were also established. One is at Haydenville and one at Williamsburg. The Junior-Senior high school has 203 pupils. Westhampton now sends 16 to our Junior High School.

Only one change in teachers occurred at the close of schools in June. Mrs. Richard B. Warren decided not to teach this year. She had served as our art instructor.

The Williamsburg Junior-Senior High School was organized for the September opening with the following instructors: Principal Anne T. Dunphy, two classes in Latin, one in civics and local history, and guidance; Robert Branch, four classes in mathematics, one in U. S.

History, also audio-visual education; Peter P. Ball, five classes in science; Mrs. Lula Smith, five classes in English, assembly programs; Mrs. Francis Grinnell, three classes in typing, one in office practice, shorthand, book-keeping and junior business, also school publications; Earl Tonet, two classes in French, one in Problems in Democracy, one in World Geography, coach of boys' athletics, and driver education; Miss Maria Lovechio, five classes in English, and debating. Miss Lovechio taught in the Williamsburg Schools from 1949 to 1951 when she left to get her master's degree. She received her B.A. degree in English from American International College and master's degree from Boston University.

Miss Martha Dickerman, who has been teaching eighth grade in the Helen E. James School, was assigned to teach two classes of eighth grade social studies and two classes of eighth grade science and music and art in her home room. Mrs. Joanne Wolff of Amherst was assigned to teach two classes of seventh grade social studies, one class of eighth grade reading and oral English, one class of high school world history, supervise girls' physical education for the Junior-Senior High School, and art and music in her home room. Mrs. Wolff received her A.B. from Tufts College with a major in history and a minor in education. She taught social studies for one year in the Greenfield Junior High School. Mr. Henry Hmiesleski was assigned to teach four classes in junior high arithmetic, supervise the boys' physical education in the Junior-Senior High School, and teach art and music in his home room. Mr. Hmiesleski has a B.A. from the University of Mass. and an M.S. from Springfield College.

Miss Dorothy Wickman of Springfield was assigned to teach one class of junior high English, three classes in junior high reading and oral English, and teach music and art in her home room. Miss Wickman received her B.A. from American International College. She had one

year of previous teaching experience. Miss Wickman resigned on Oct. 14. Mrs. Evelyn Kmit worked as a substitute in this grade until November 23. On November 28, Mrs. Anna B. Curtis was appointed to this position. Mrs. Curtis received her training at North Adams Teachers' College and has had 11 years' teaching experience.

The senior high school provides three courses of study. There is a college course, a general course, and a commercial course. A special plan for driver education for those who may plan to get a driving license during the year is also offered. We are again indebted to Richard Graves for supplying a car for the training on the road. For extra-curricular activities, students may take part in girls' and boys' athletics, glee club, orchestra, school plays, debates, and the preparing of school publications. The junior high offers the usual seventh and eighth grade work. The school is in session from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. and there are eight periods a day.

Our coaches and players have found the new gym a delightful place in which to practice and play games. This year's teams have shown fine skill and ability when they have played against other teams. The classes in physical education now have proper suits for the course and look well when doing the work required.

The Anne T. Dunphy School was opened with six classrooms in operation. Mrs. Edith Foster is the principal and teaches grade 6; Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, grade 5; Mrs. Eleanor Soden, grade 4; Mrs. Dorothy Colburn, grade 3; Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, grade 2; and Mrs. Sophie Eaton, grade 1.

At the Haydenville School, the first six grades were cared for as follows: Miss Margaret Trainor as principal and teaches grade 6; Mrs. Marion Hickey, grade 5; Mrs. Pricilla Kostek, grade 4; Mrs. Ruth Nash, grade 3;

Mrs. Doris Tilley, grade 2; and Miss Mary Crampton, grade 1.

In addition to the above teachers, our special subject supervisors were Miss Olive Healy, music; Mrs. Mary Hitchcock, art; and Mrs. Elizabeth Koss, penmanship. A corrective reading teacher, Mrs. Jean Snow, was added to the staff during the fall. Mrs. Snow received her A.B. degree at Smith College and her M.S. degree at Columbia Teachers' College. She has had eight years teaching English in New York City high schools.

These teachers who train and educate our children are well prepared for their work. Reading tests given in the fall by Dr. Deming Hoyt of Smith College and his group showed that our pupils were above the national average in reading ability. His comment was that we have had very good teaching in our schools. The good work of these teachers is sincerely appreciated.

The health department has been under the direction of Dr. Joseph Hobbs and Dr. Ruth Hemenway as school physicians, Dr. Glade Hall as school dentist, and Mrs. Barbara Swanda as school nurse. The usual clinics have been held and the necessary examinations completed. The health of our children has been well protected.

Since the new school was opened, we have three custodians to care for and protect the three school buildings now in operation. Maintenance of school buildings is a never ending task. The faithful work and supervision of these buildings is deeply appreciated.

Five bus routes have transported 199 children to and from school each day. These routes cover 101.2 miles each school day. The work has been done without accident or injury. The operators are commended for another successful year.

The new office of the superintendent of schools is greatly appreciated by your superintendent. It is quiet and efficient as well as being attractive. Our secretary, Mrs. Jeanette O'Neill, is a most excellent one, and her fine work is of great value to this department.

There will be some problems for the department to solve during this coming year. For instance, the shortage of well trained teachers still continues. A new law requires the establishment of a special class if five or more retarded children are living in town. We are also expected by law to employ an adjustment counselor to study maladjusted children and try to correct their difficulties. On the list is also the repair and renovation of the Helen E. James Building. This building has been in constant use for 41 years. It needs some repairs and changes in order to make it more suitable for the high school students who attend it. All of these problems will have to be considered during 1956.

Building good citizenship may be considered the chief objective of the schools. Young people need to have knowledge and understanding if they are to manage and control the government under which they live. To this end, our forefathers established schools and passed laws requiring all pupils to attend. Progress far beyond their dearest hopes has come to this great country because of its program for free education for all.

Miss Nelle Dolan retired from teaching at the close of schools in June. She had taught the boys and girls of Williamsburg for 47 years and was one of the best teachers the schools have ever had. She had an understanding of children and great ability to instruct them. Some of the best teaching I have ever seen has been in her classes. No better tribute can be given to her than the old but ever new, "Well done thou good and faithful servant". We wish her many happy years in her retirement.

To principals, teachers, janitors and all others who have cooperated in our work, I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation.

The Members of the School Committee have been very helpful and I thank them for their continued guidance, kindness and support.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. MERRITT

Superintendent of Schools

1-19-56

Report of School Nurse

Mr. L. A. Merritt
Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Mass.

Dear Mr. Merritt:

The annual report of the School Nurse is herewith submitted for January 1, 1955 - December 31, 1955.

All children were weighed and measured during the year. This year the P.T.A. took over the weighing of pupils in Williamsburg.

Dr. Hobbs was assisted with physical examinations in Williamsburg. Dr. Ruth Hemenway was assisted with physicals in Haydenville. Two children were found to have defects and are to go to the orthopedic clinic in Springfield.

All pupils in Williamsburg and Haydenville were tested with the vision machine. Some were found to need glasses and have obtained them. All children were tested with the audiometer. Several failed the test and were retested at a later date. Only one child failed the final test and he is being treated by his own physician.

Several children were ill with the measles and a great many were out with the common cold.

Dr. Glade Hall, the school dentist, examined all pupils including the high school at the teachers' request. Only one high school pupil had work done. 81 treatments were done on 33 children in Williamsburg. 141 treatments were done on 41 children in Haydenville.

Many home visits were made during the year and *most* parents were quite cooperative.

Sanitary inspection was done once during each month and found to be in good condition.

Several children were injured during the school hours and were taken to the doctor for treatment.

Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C. has visited me several times to help me with various cases in both Williamsburg and Haydenville. Her advice is most helpful.

Three girls and three boys were sent to Camp Hodgkins and all showed improvement in weight.

At each school visit a conference was held with the principals. The daily attendance book is a great help in checking pupils who are absent.

Dr. Hobbs gave the first Salk vaccine polio shots to 50 first and second grade pupils in Williamsburg and 28 first and second grade pupils in Haydenville.

Classroom inspection has been done and several children have been given slips because of dirty heads.

The Anne T. Dunphy school cafeteria has been quite successful. However, some children were found to be throwing away their milk. After inspection, the children improved a great deal. Parents should impress upon their children to eat and drink all their food at noon.

Miss Sullivan, State Nursing Supervisor, has visited me at school. Her suggestions and information are most helpful.

The need for an audiometer is very great. As yet for the 1956 school year, the audiometer has not been available from the State.

Several of the cafeteria workers were treated for cuts and burns.

I wish to thank the teachers and Miss Harris for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA, R.N.

